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S.B. No. 1879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-1) Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall:

(1) conduct a needs assessment to identify the specific high-priority needs of veterans and the services available to address those needs;

(2) determine the grant categories that correspond to the needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

(3) identify any discrepancy between the needs identified under Subdivision (1) and the services available to address those needs.

(c-2) The commission shall incorporate the results of the needs assessment and other determinations under Subsection (c-1) in its process for awarding grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.

SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2016, the Texas Veterans Commission shall conduct a needs assessment and make other determinations required by Section 434.017(c-1), Government Code, as added by this Act.

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1       SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.